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SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR (by KB8NW)

This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal because there was no bulletin last week and to accommodate the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest announcements. A complete listing of all the participants is available at the NG3K Contest page at:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2009.html

I hope to have everything caught up and back to normal next week....
73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Saturday, 17th/January, through Saturday, 24th/January there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E3, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TN, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW,

YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2008 MOST WANTED SURVEY (DX Magazine's Results)

The DX Magazine's "2008 Most Wanted Survey" has been posted on the Web site. The survey that most DXers go by is now available at: http://dxpub.com/dx_news.html Editor Carl, N4AA, states, "The listing shows the top 100 World-Wide 'weighted' mixed mode results. It also includes the ranking for 2007, for comparison. Some 2007 rankings are shown as 'NA' which only means that particular country was NOT on the list for 2007. The Top 100 results, broken down by continent and NA time zone, are published in the January/ February 2009 issue of THE DX MAGAZINE. A further breakdown will be published in the March/April 2009 issue. That listing will include the top 50 for CW, SSB, Digital and this year a listing for Low Bands (160-30 meters.)" The "Top Ten Most Wanted" are as follows:

2008	PREFIX / COUNTRY		2007	2008	PREFIX / COUNTRY		2007
1	P5	NORTH KOREA	1	6	KP5	DESECHEO	7
2	7O	YEMEN	2	7	3Y/B	BOUVET	5
3	KP1	NAVASSA	3	8	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	10
4	FR/G	GLORIOSO	4	9	FT5W	CROZET	9
5	ZS8	MARION ISLAND	6	10	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM	11

4K, AZERBAIJAN

Axel, DL6KVA, will once again be active as 4K0CW from Vlad's, 4K9W, QTH in Baku between local evening time on March 19th and local midday on March 25th. Activity will be CW only on all HF bands (depending on the band conditions) using 100 watts into a 84m long wire (station of 4K9W). Axel also plans to participate in the Russian DX Contest (March 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Low-Power/CW entry. QSL via DL6KVA (Bureau OK).

4L0, GEORGIA

Operators 4L5DJ/Shota, 4L2M/Mamuka and 4L4CC/Levan will be active as 4L0G in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. They will use a TS-950SDX w/1KW PA into a full size Delta loop and Vertical; RX Antenna 2 beverages. QSL via EA7FTR (UA9LP for Russia; UT7QF for Ukraine).

4U1U, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

According to the ARRL DX Bulletin, Johnny, LA5IIA, will be active as 4U1UN in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest for a few hours late Friday and for a few hours during the day on Saturday. QSL via HB9BOU.

4Z, ISRAEL

Operators Victor/RV2FW, Alexey/4Z5TA, Mony/4X6ZK and Alex/ 4Z5KJ will be active as 4Z5J during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W0MM.

7Q, MALAWI

By the time you read this, Harry, 7Q7HB, should be back in Malawi. QSL Manager Allan, G0IAS, informs OPDX that Harry has a new rotator to fit the mast he has and new parts to replace in his amplifier. Then depending on his work load, he will once again be active. He will operate mainly on the Digi modes and CW, but he does have a Mic, so if you need him on SSB, please ask him. Length of his stay will be around 2 months. QSL ONLY DIRECT to G0IAS.

AN8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Luis/EA8AY and Jeronimo/EA8NC will use the special callsign AN8R during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via EA8AY. Visit the Web page with a Web cam on it at:

http://www.ea8ay.com/an8r_arrl/http://www.ea8ay.com/an8r_arrl/

BX5, TAIWAN

Jimmy, BX5AA, will be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Jimmy states that BX5 is a rare prefix for Taiwan (CQ 24). QSL via BX5AA.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE

Members of the Texas DX Society are pleased to announce their next Dxpedition. Six members will travel to Bilene in the Maputo Province, March 25th to April 5th. Bilene is 180km from the capital city of Maputo. The team will include Cal/WF5W, Dale/KG5U, Madison/W5MJ, Jim/N4AL, Bill/K5WAF and Paul/W5PF. They will be on all bands 160-10 meters and will operate CW, SSB and RTTY. There will be 3 stations, two with amplifiers. Antennas will include log periodics for 20-10m and various verticals for the low bands. They will operate in the CQWW WPX Phone Contest. Callsigns have not yet been assigned but will be announced when available. QSL Manager for all callsigns will be W5PF. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW after the trip. Further details are available on the team's Web site at:

http://www.tdxs.net/c91.htmlhttp://www.tdxs.net/c91.html

CN, MOROCCO

\Operators Ahmed/CN8WK, Stefano/IK2QEI, Maurizio/IV3ZXQ and Carlo/IK1HJS will be active as CN3A during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or via I2WIJ.

CO, CUBA

Juan, CO8TW, will be active during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via HB9SVT. The log will be online after the contest at:

http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/

CT3/CS9/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as CT3/homecall between March 24-31st. His activity will include the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th). QSL via DJ6QT or CS9L. He will sign CS9L (or CT9L) for the contest. Look for casual operation before the contest. Visit his Web page at:

http://www.df7zs.dehttp://www.df7zs.de

CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operators Rastislav/OM3BH, Jozef/OM3GI and a Madeira Contest Team will be active as CT9M during CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via CT3EE.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND

Operators Randy/N0TG, Murray/WA4DAN and Ron/AA4VK have received approval from the Director of Marine Programs and the Canadian Coast Guard, and will activate Sable Island between October 7-14th. Callsigns will be homecall/CY0. Part of their team from previous operations from KP1 and KP5, CY9 are reuniting for this operation from Sable Island. Operations are planned for 160-10 meters, CW and SSB. More details are forthcoming. Visit their Web page at:

http://www.cy0dxpedition.com

D4, CAPE VERDE

Operator Girts, YL2KL, will be active as D4C between February 11-22nd. He hopes to do some activity on 30 meters, but plans to be active during the CQ World-Wide WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry and the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via CT1ESV by the Bureau or IZ4DPV for direct. For the latest information, check the D4C Web page at:

http://www.d4c.cc

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS (ed. Gee, is it that time already..WOW!)

*** 24th Annual DX Dinner:** Jay, K4ZLE, reports: "The SouthWest Ohio DX Association is pleased to sponsor the 24th annual DX Dinner to be held in conjunction with the 2009 Dayton HamVention. The dinner will be Friday evening, May 15th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located in Dayton city center. This is the same venue as in previous years. The program details are not final yet and will be released as soon as they are finalized. As in the past, there will be some nice attendance prizes. Last year the main prize was an Icom IC-756 Pro III, but this year ICOM has promised something new! Attendees will have their choice of either a steak dinner or a vegetarian dinner. We must be informed when the tickets are ordered if you want the vegetarian option. Tickets are 39.00 USDs per meal, payable in U.S. funds to SWODXA. (Sorry, we do not process PayPal or Credit Card payments.) Please advise if you want a vegetarian meal when you order. You may order from Pete Meyer, N0FW, at his CBA. SASE is requested. We attempt to honor group seating requests when tickets are ordered together. There is not a bad seat in the house, but seating is definitely limited. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Up-to-date information may be found on the club's website:

http://www.swodxa.com

Pete's E-mail address is n0fw live com

ADDED NOTE: Last year Yaesu joined us in sponsoring the DX forum during HamVention. They have agreed to partner with us again for 2009. There will be a FT-2000 with PEP raffled off at the end of the DX forum. The winner does not have to be present. Tickets for a chance on the FT-2000 are 5.00 USDs each or 5 for 20.00 USDs. For your convenience, they may be

ordered at the same time you purchase your DX dinner tickets. All proceeds from this raffle are used by SWODXA to assist in providing DXpedition grants. We look forward to helping make HamVention a more enjoyable experience for all DXers. C U there?"

*** 17th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner:** The North Coast Contesters are proud to announce: "2009 Contest Dinner tickets are on sale now exclusively via the WEB again this year! Thanks to Scott, KA9FOX and QTH.com for designing, building and running our Web site:

http://www.contestdinner.com

Master of Ceremonies for the Dayton Contest Dinner is CQ Magazine Contest Editor John Dorr, K1AR. The 2009 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Inductions will be formally announced by the CQ WorldWide Contest Director Bob Cox, K3EST. Our excellent keynote dinner speaker will be announced soon. The Contest Dinner will be held on Saturday night, May 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM (Cash bar opens at 5:30 PM). Located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Official Contest Hotel), 5th and Jefferson Streets (Next to the Convention Center) Dayton (Downtown), Ohio in the VAN CLEVE BALLROOM.

Seating is random. Tables are set in rounds of 8." Tim, K3LR, Dayton Contest Dinner Chairman, states that tickets are ONLY available via the Web page listed above. He also mentions, "Many contest operators from around the world attend this event. If you enjoy radio contesting, you do not want to miss this Contest Dinner in Dayton, Ohio. We expect a quick sell out just like past years. Go to the web and get your tickets early!"

DXCC SUBMISSION REPORT

A report was announced that the OX/NA1SA operation in May 2007 was rejected by DXCC desk for "No documentation received".

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS (AF-004)

Jyrki, OH6CS, will be active as EA8/OH6CS during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single- Band (15m) entry. QSL via LoTW. QSL is also "OK" via OH6CS, direct using the **(QRZ.com)** address.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS (AF-004)

Operator Valery, RD3AF, will be active as EF8M during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 14-15th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. Using the same callsign, he will also be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High- Power entry. QSL both operations via RX3DU **(QRZ.com)**. ADDED REMINDER: Also look for Valery (using EF8M) during this weekend's CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry.

ER0, MOLDOVA

Serge, UR5FEO, will be active as ER0FEO during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via UU0JM.

ER0, MOLDOVA

Vladimir, will be active as ER0/UT0FT during the CQ 160- Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via UT0FT.

ES9, ESTONIA

Operators Tonno/ES5TV, Toivo/ES2RR, Arvo/ES2MC, Juri/ES5JR and Toomas/ES5RY will be active as ES9C during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via ES5RY.

FR, REUNION ISLAND (AF-016)

Gerhard, OE3GEA, will be active as FR/OE3GEA between February 1-13th. Activity will be on all bands, but CW only. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

GJ/MJ0, JERSEY

Richard, K2WR, will be active as GJ2A during the CQ 160- Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via K2WR or GJ3DVC. Look for him outside of the contest signing MJ0AWR.

HS, THAILAND

Joerg, DL1MJF, is expected to be active from here again as HS0ZGQ between January 20th and February 12th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB using a Kenwood TS-50 and a dipole antenna. If possible, Joerg may stay for one week on the Island of Koh Samui (AS-101) and operate as HS0ZGQ/2. QSL via DL1MJF.

IOTA NEWS

EU-108. Jim, MM0BQI, will be active as homecall/p from the **Treshnish Isles**, April 24-27th. Look for activity on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

EU-146. Operators Will/PE1OPM, Manfred/PE1OXV and Jeroen/PD5CW will be active from **Schouwen Duiveland**, July 24-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, using mainly CW and SSB. They will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the bureau.

OC-135. Jerry, P29ZAD, will be active from **Buka Island** between February 7-27th. Activity will be limited because he is working just North of Buka Town. QSL via NI5DX, direct or by the Bureau. More information can be found at:

http://p29zad.blogspot.com

J3, GRENADA (NA-024)

Colin/G3VCQ and Sharon/M3VCQ will be in Beru from March 12-26th. Colin will be active as J38CW in the BERU CW Contest (March 14-15th). Colin will only work Commonwealth stations during the contest. Outside of the contest, look for activity to be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW and SSB. Sharon will also be active and sign J38/M3VCQ (still to be cofirmed yet) in between sunbathing! All QSLs are via G3VCQ, direct or by the bureau.

J7, DOMINICA

Seth, SM0XBI, will be active again as J79XBI (while on holiday) between now and around April 1st. Activity will be SSB only. Over the past week he has been mainly on 20 meters with some activity on 80 and 40 meters. QSL to his home callsign, bureau preferred.

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Lars, DF1LON, will be active as LX7I during the CQ 160- Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the following Web page at:

http://www.lx2a.com

NH7, HAWAII

Al, NH7A, will be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via F5VHJ.

NP4, PUERTO RICO

Alfredo (Al), WP3C, will be active as NP4A during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK.

OR3/OR4, ANTARCTICA

Operator Willy/ON5AX and XYL Magda/ON3AX will be active as OR4AX and OR3AX, respectively, from the RV Professor Khromov (Spirit of Enderby) and from the region of the Ross Sea in Antarctica between February 9th and March 10th. QSL via ON5AX.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Fred, PA1FJ, will be active as PJ2/PA1FJ from the Island of Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942) between September 24th and October 7th. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

NEW QSL MANAGER. Buzz, NI5DX, is now the QSL Manager for Zivko, **S52BB**. Buzz will be able to answer all requests for cards once new cards are received from the printer (4-5 weeks).

NEW QSL ROUTE. Rich, **W4GKR/DK4GKR**, has announced that all QSL requests for his past operations be QSLed via the Texas address listed on QRZ.com. Operations included: **DK4GKR (Oct. 2007-present), DL/, EA8/, HB/, G/, GW/ and TI5/.**

S21DX LOGS. The on-line logs for the S21DX operation are available at:

http://s2iota.eb7dx.com/index.php?option=com_searchlog&Itemid=60

TS7C LOGS. The on-line logs for the TS7C operation are available at:

http://www.ts7c.net/searchlog_adif.php

VX1RNS/P QSL STATUS. It was mentioned by VE1AI that the cards for last year's IOTA operation from NA-081 have been printed and direct cards will be sent next month for VX1RNS/p. Bureau cards will follow.

QSLS VIA LOTW: 9N7CQ, E44M, FO0SUC, FT5ZH, PY2GWF/0, SO7WW, TJ3SP, TL5A, XX9TKV, XZ1N and ZA1A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B8/SP2JMB, 3X5A, 4U1UN, 4W6AAB, 5X1GS, 7P8BA, 7U5CI, 9H1XT, 9M6/N2BB, AH0V, BD1DRJ/2, BQ9P, EA9/SP2JMB, ER4ER, FO/DJ7RJ, GW3KGV, GW3YDX, HS0ZEE, J6/W0SA, JX9JKA, KH6/JA6REX, MD0CCE, OX5AA, PZ5TT, RA4LW, T209DX, TC4X, TL8CK, TN5SN, TT8JT, V51AS, VU4RG, YO5BRZ, ZA0/I8LWL, ZK2QQ, ZS2EZ and ZS6GAV

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3XD2Z, 4Z4BS, 8P1A, 9K2SR, C50C, EA1EVR, EC5ANF, EI2VNO, F8DQZ/P, IG9/IZ1DFG, IQ3GA/3, IR2M, K0ARY/VP9, MM/DH5JBR/m, NB7PX, OY/DK7MCX, R450KB, RK3MWD, RP3ZD, RW3XZ, S50HQ, S57RTH, SL1HF, SM5U, SV1DPI, SV8/IZ7FLP, TA2MW, TC18M, TC1ATA, TK/DL2EEO, TM7F, UA3AP, UE3SFF/1, UE80MC, UZ7U and Z35T

RK2, KALININGRAD

Members of the UA2 Contest Club will be active as RK2FWA during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi- Op entry. QSL via DK4VW.

SILENT KEYS

W2PUX - Joseph J. Brohman, became a SK on January 11th at the age of 100. He born on June 15,1908. Joseph was a HAM operator for 75 years.

W6GVM - Emil F. Malek, became a SK on December 26th, 2008, at the age of 92. He was very active in ham radio chasing DX, and gaining Honor Roll Membership and #1 Honor Roll plaque, staying at the top to the end. Listed in the 2007 DXCC Yearbook's Annual Listing : Phone/Mixed # 1 at 388 Entities. Emil loved Ham Radio, DXing, Mentoring, Helping others.

JY3ZH - It was announced that Zedan, JY3ZH, has became SK on January 20th. He is best known for being the net controller for the Arabian Knights Net on 14.252 kHz.

OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the above mentioned. They all will be surely missed.

SV9, CRETE

Willi, DJ7RJ, will be active from here for three weeks beginning February 24th. His callsign in the past has been SV9/DJ7RJ. Willi operates CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign by the CBA.

TA, TURKEY

Yasar, TA3D, will be active during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via TA3D.

TO5, MARTINIQUE

Dim, UT5UGR, will be active as TO5WA from Laurent's, FM5BH, QTH and station during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry.

TO5, MARTINIQUE

Albert, F5VHJ, will be active as TO5A during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via F5VHJ.

V2, ANTIGUA

Operators Bob/W4OWY and Mark/W9OP will be active as V25WY and V25OP between March 10-19th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. QSL via their home callsign or by the bureau. Logs will also be uploaded as before to LoTW and eQSL.

V6, MICRONESIA

Mike/KM9D and Jan/KF4TUG as of 0220z, January 15th, have anchored the "SV Don Henry" in Kolonia Harbor on Pohnpei Island. No word on their radio plans at the moment.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND (Update)

Bill Horner, VK4FW, member of Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc. (ODXG), reports that the VK9LA March departure date is fast approaching, and all team members are ready to go. Operations will between March 23rd and April 3rd. The total list of operators are: Tony/IZ3ESV, San/K5YY, Bob/N2OO, Lance/N2OZ, Stan/SQ8X, Peter/SQ9DIE, Victoria/SV2KBS, Alex/VK1TX, Luke/VK3HJ, Chris/VK3QB, John/VK4IO, Catherine/VK4VCH, Chris/VK5CP, John/VK5PO, Julian/W5SL and Bill/VK4FW.

Bill, VK4FW, will travel to Lord Howe on March 22nd to immediately begin unpacking. On March 23rd, 4 other operators will arrive and the rest will arrive as originally planned on March 24th. Bill states (edited),

> "We will assemble 7 full HF stations at 2 seperate sites as well as one for 6m. Modes of operation are SSB, CW and RTTY. We will use mono band yagis and mono band verticals to allow us to possibly have 2 actual stations on the same band similtaneously. There are also a quantity of wire antennas for the low bands. A full list of operating frequencies will be designed to enhance our plans. With the rising fuel prices and the international economy crashing around us, we have been able to secure a vessel to freight all of our equipment. We are still trying to get more support to cover this cost, so please be so kind to visit our Web site and make a donation at:
>
> **http://www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm**
>
> The QSLing chores will be handled by VK4FW. We will set up an online QSLing system that will permit you to apply online to help cut your postage costs. More on this later. QSL cards will be printed very quickly by UX5UO." For more updates, details on the DXpedition and how to donate to this operation, please visit the ODXG and VK9LA Web pages at:
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> **http://www.odxg.org**
> **http://www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm**

VK0B, ANTARCTICA

Bob, VK0BP, is currently working at Antarctic Davis Base Station (AN-016, Gridsquare MC81xk) until November 1st. His activity is limited due to his workload, but he is expected to be on all HF bands. However, due to local scientific experiements cetain bands may be un-available at times. He seems to like 20 meters between 1500-1800z. Operations have been on SSB and PSK31, but he plans to operate on other modes later on during his stay at the Davis Station. QSL via VK2CA.

PLEASE NOTE: There is also a possibility of Bob activating other field huts in the area, and he will sign as VK0BP/P. Look for more details on his Web page at:

http://www.vk0bp.org

VP2, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Eric, K6VVA, will be celebrating his 65th birthday with a trip to Tortola (**NA-023**) between February 20-24th. He will sign VP2V/K6VVA and be active mainly on CW. Eric will also be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as VP2VVA. QSL via N6AWD.

VP9, BERMUDA

Jeff, N1SNB, will be active as VP9/N1SNB between January 21-25th. Activity will include the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via N1SNB.

VP9400, BERMUDA (Special Event)

Rose, VP9LP, Secretary of the Radio Society of Bermuda, announced that the year 2009 is the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Bermuda by Sir George Somers. Look for most local organizations to have some kind of special event during the year. The Radio Society of Bermuda has been issued with a special callsign that can be used all year; it is VP9400/xx. The xx suffix is the operator's callsign suffix (i.e. VP9400/LP). There are a few novice licence holders who have a 3 digit suffix (i.e. VP9400/NMT). Look for special pictorial postcards to be used to QSL.

WAS LOTW ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Manager, announced:

> "Some users may have noticed that their WAS totals have changed or have completely gone away. On January 1, 2009, LoTW refreshed all WAS accounts to accommodate the new Triple Play award. Your Triple Play record is shown as a sub award in your WAS account just as band and mode sub- awards are shown. If your account had no QSO rules then the system had no way of applying your QSO credits. This is easily fixed by adding a rule to your WAS account. All WAS accounts must have at least one rule.
> To add a rule to your WAS account simply access your WAS account then select 'MODIFY ACCOUNT'. Follow these steps to complete the process:
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> Click 'Add Rule To QSO Set'
> Next, select the type of rule you want to apply. Drop the box down, make your selection then click 'Add Rule'
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> (Next it may ask you here to select a callsign if you have more than one account. If so, select the callsign you want to change).
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> If there is only one callsign in the account the next screen will say 'Save Account Changes'
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> Click this and your account should be OK now.
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> Note, if you feed more than one WAS account for different locations you must do this for each account. Some accounts are very simple and will only require a callsign rule. Other accounts may be more complex requiring multiple rules to accommodate your operations. WAS accounts can be configured to automatically

select those of your QSOs that both qualify for a WAS award and also match a set of rules you specify. A QSO Set is a list of rules that define QSOs that will be matched. Your account can include more than one QSO Set if needed to encompass all of your QSOs that are eligible for the awards.

The rules that make up a QSO Set each compare the value of a field related to the QSO. The fields that may be used for this comparison are the callsign you used to make the QSO, the QSO date, and several geographical fields. At least one rule must be included in a QSO Set in order to match any QSOs. If more than one rule is present in the QSO Set, you may choose whether the QSOs must match all of the specified rules or any of the specified rules."

WORLD'S LARGEST AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA DEPLOYED ON 160M AT OH8X

Jarmo, OH2BN, reports: "With the aim of pushing the always challenging Northern envelope on low bands and verifying their own engineering skills, the group at Radio Arcala will hit 160M with a 39-ton (80.000 lbs) 3-element full-size monster during the week of January 19, culminating with the CQWW 160M Contest. OH8X is to be manned by OH2IW and OH6KN, still in a limited capacity while valuable data will be gathered in this first assault. Their partners for measurement purposes will be the sister station CU2X operated by OH2BH/CU2KG and, in close proximity, by the associate stations OH0E operated by OH2MM, and OG2P by OH2PM. You may catch all these stations during the coming week.

Radio Arcala is co- operating with the University of Oulu in several areas of HF propagation study. They also welcome and acknowledge field reports at **oh1wz@sral.fi**
You may read about details of the monster construction at

http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html

and study the overall mission at

www.radioarcala.com

QSL for OH8X via OH2UA, CU2X via OH2BH, OG2P via OH2PM and OH0E via OH2MM."
To see a picture of this antenna, go to:

http://tinyurl.com/8g5m7e

WORLDRADIO ONLINE LAUNCHED (February Issue Now On The Web!)

Richard Moseson, W2VU, Editorial Director, for CQ Communications, Inc., announced on January 21st, 2009,: "First Issue of 'WorldRadio Online' Posted on Web -- The inaugural issue of 'WorldRadio Online' has been posted on the World Wide Web, appropriately, on Inauguration Day! 'WorldRadio Online' is the first wide-distribution general-interest ham magazine to be published exclusively online.

The February issue of 'WorldRadio Online' features articles on a ham station aboard a still-sailing Victory Ship, as well as a very handy primer on basic knots. Most familiar columnists are there as well, including 'Krusty' Aerials columnist Kurt N. Sterba.

The issue is in a downloadable PDF file. It may be accessed without charge by going to the CQ magazine home page at

http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/
and clicking on the 'WorldRadio Online' link.
'WorldRadio Online' is published monthly by CQ Communications, Inc."

XU7, CAMBODIA (Just A Reminder!)

Peter, NO2R, will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W2EN.

XU7, CAMBODIA (Just A Reminder!)

Tom, KC0W/ZD7X, active as XU7XXX is expected to be in the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. His 160m antenna is a dipole/vertical placed on the beach 5 meters from salt water. QSL via KC0W, direct only.

XW, LAOS (Just A Reminder!)

Bruce, XW1B, will be active in the CQ 160- Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry and the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (possibly 40m - if his new yagi is up by then) entry. QSL via E21EIC.

XT, BURKINA FASO

Michael, F1IQH, will once again be active as XT2WC from BoboDioulasso starting January 25th, for two weeks. Activity will be mainly 20 meters (other bands are possible according to the propagation) with only 100 watts and a G5RV. QSL via F1IQH.

Z3, MACEDONIA

Members of the Radio Club "Nikola Tesla" (Z37M) will be active as Z37M during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are: Milosev/Z31MM, Igor/Z32ID, Dance/ Z32XU, Ozren/Z35T, Chris/Z35X, Tone/Z36N, Venco/Z36W and possibly others. QSL via Z37M, by the Bureau or info on **(QRZ.com)**.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS

There has been a leak of a possible operation here. Details are expected to be released. STAY TUNED!

ZS8, MARION ISLANDS

Petrus, ZS8T, showed on 20 meters last weekend for a few QSOs. According to Rhynhardt, ZS6DXB, ZS8T Press Officer, "the ZS8T license has expired on the 31st of December 2008 with an expiry window period up and until 31 January 2009. Renewal and payment off the existing license has been made and Petrus, ZS8T, is licensed to operate from Marion Island up and until December 2009.

All contacts made to date with the ZS8T callsign are legitimate and legal. The team is currently awaiting the paper copy off the new license that only expires in December 2009 Petrus can remain active with ZS8T for the remainder of his stay on Marion Island." Petrus, ZS8T, has unveiled some more details about his operation from Marion Island in an interview which be available this past week thanks to the South Africa Amateur Radio League (SARL). He states that he will be there three months before leaving and plans to be active as much as he can during this time. To listen to the complete interview and see the latest pictures from Petrus, go

to:

http://zs8t.net/interview-with-petrus-zs8t/

For updates and official announcement of ZS8T operation, please visit the official ZS8T Web site at:

http://zs8t.net

ZT2, SOUTH AFRICA (Rare PFX)

Look for eight South African amateurs to operate as ZT2V in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). This will be one of the rare times the ZT prefix has been used, and the first time South Africa's East Cape Province (ZS2) has had a team operation entry in a major contest. The Multi-2 operation will take place from the Port Elizabeth region QTH of Donovan, ZS2DL, who will serves as team leader. Other experienced contest participants include Barry/ZS2EZ, Mitch/ZS2DK, Thiaan/ZS2Y and Andre/ZS2ACP. Operators Henning/ZS2HK and Glen/ZS2GV will be making their major contest debuts. One other operator, not yet selected, will round out the team.

The 2 stations will consist of a FT2000 and a Quadra amplifier into a SteppIr beam and a FT1000MPMKV and an Ameritron amp into a HyGain TH5. An antenna for 40 and 80 meters will also be used. While the group is hoping to score well, the primary goal is to put Port Elizabeth on the map and give the prefix hunters a rare one. The QSL route for ZT2V will be Buzz, NI5DX.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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